Harassing By the FBI Is Alleged

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MINNEAPOLIS, April 2—Jane Van Deusen, Socialist Workers Party candidate for governor of Minnesota last year, today released to the press photocopies of 25 pages of FBI documents. She asserted they "prove surveillance, harassment and intimidation" of the party and herself.

The five reports on Miss Van Deusen, which total 25 pages, were dated from April 20, 1972, to Dec. 4, 1974. However, she said they in fact covered activities going back to 1971.

Miss Van Deusen, a 26-year-old registered nurse, said:

"The FBI claims they stopped these disruption programs in 1971, yet my file goes to December of 1974—three months ago."

The FBI here declined to comment.

The main pages of the documents are designated "United States Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation." Three reports are designated as originating in Minneapolis, the others are without a place dateline.

All have numerous deletions, which seem to be elimination of names of informants, FBI agents, various other law enforcement persons and the agencies they work for.

Miss Van Deusen obtained the originals of the reports because she is one of 15 plaintiffs in a lawsuit against federal agencies in a U.S. District Court in New York. Last month the court ordered release of over 3,000 pages of documents from the FBI's files on the Socialist Workers Party and the related Young Socialist Allianct.

The files on Miss Van Deusen covered information about antiwar rallies she attended, women's liberation functions, the titles of speeches she gave, what she said and did at meetings, her places of residence and other details of her day-to-day life. One document gave a physical description.

"The most important thing is not what they included but what they deleted," she said. "We want to know who was given this kind of information and what it is used for. We still don't know."

"They have to have informers infiltrated in the organization, and they could also be reading our mail or they could be using a wire tap—I just don't know," she added.

"I have done nothing criminal or illegal, but they carry out these police state tactics because they don't like our ideas; it is a little bit scarey,

Miss Van Deusen said. "We condemn the FBI's illegal acts. They are the real crooks and we demand they be brought to justice.

The files are said to be part of a counterintelligence program started by the late J. Edgar Hoover in the 1950s to disrupt the Socialist Workers Party, whose purpose the FBI believed was to overthrow the U.S. government and eventually achieve a Communist society.